



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 682

LCO No. 2941

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS
FOR SMOKING CESSATION SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-278a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

3 [The] On or before September 30, 2003, the Commissioner of Social
4 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to provide coverage for
5 [treatment for] smoking cessation treatment ordered by a licensed
6 healthcare professional who possesses valid and current state licensure
7 to prescribe [such drugs in accordance with a plan developed by the
8 commissioner to provide] drugs for smoking cessation [services]
9 treatment. [The commissioner shall present such plan to the joint
10 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
11 matters relating to human services and appropriations by January 1,
12 2003, and, if such plan is approved by said committees and funding is
13 provided in the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, such
14 plan shall be implemented on July 1, 2003.] Treatment programs shall
15 include, but not be limited to, counseling and the use of legend or
16 nonlegend drugs to assist in the cessation of smoking. Medicaid

17 recipients shall be limited to not more than two such treatment
18 programs of a duration not to exceed ninety days each in any twelve-
19 month period.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

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Joint Favorable C/R

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